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Via Fax and USPS

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Federal Communications Commission
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RE: M/A-COM comments to the Sixth Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in
WT Docket No. 96-86

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, December 10th, I fedexed to the Capitol Heights facility a package containing a cover letter, an original and four copies of the above referenced comments, and an original and four copies of a Motion to Accept late Filed Comments.

As explained in the Motion, I experienced difficulty with the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) on Monday, December 9th, leading me to believe that the above referenced comments were not successfully filed until the morning of December 10th.

Today, while checking the ECFS for comments filed in response to the Sixth Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WT Docket No. 96-86, I see that the above referenced comments were electronically filed twice, once on December 9th and once on the 10th. Despite never having received a confirmation of successful filing from ECFS for any of my numerous attempts on the 9th, it appears that one of the attempts was successful since the ECFS indicates that the above referenced comments were filed at least once on the 9th.

Assuming ECFS is correct and at least one electronic filing of the comments was successful on the 9th, I believe the hard copies of the comments and the Motion to Accept, which should be received at the Capitol Heights facility today, are now moot. If the filing of the 9th is real, I request that you ignore the hard copies of the comments and the Motion you should receive today. If anything, in light of the evidently successful filing on the 9th, the additional hard copies of the comments and the Motion itself appear to only confuse the situation. Furthermore, since there is no difference between the comments that were filed on the 9th and the

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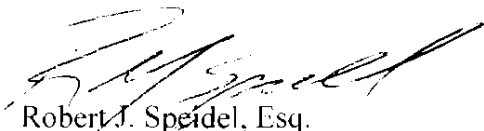
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comments that were filed on the 10th as indicated in ECFS, I would have no objection if the comments filed on the 10th are deleted from ECFS.

I am sorry that we appear to have created a confusing situation. Our only purpose in submitting the hard copies and the Motion to Accept was to assure we were doing everything necessary under the circumstances. We believed, through no fault of our own, that our comments may have technically been filed late. However, according to the information in ECFS now, our comments were timely filed.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at (434) 385-2465.

Sincerely,



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